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## Domestic Violence Counts Rhode Island Summary

On September 16, 2015, 6 out of 6 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 6 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 290 Victims Served in One Day

132 domestic violence victims (72 children and 60 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

158 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Transitional or Other Housing Program (run by DV program)	100%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	83%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	50%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	33%

### 165 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

### 106 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 106 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 187 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 91% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Rhode Island, 6 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 33% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 17% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

“Due to the fact that we were at capacity, we were unable to assist several callers who were seeking emergency shelter.”

— Advocate